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Appl. No.: 09/817,441 Confirmation No.: 8009  
Applicant: Yakov Kamen et al.  
Filed: March 26, 2001  
TC/A.U.: 2173  
Examiner: Cao H. Nguyen  
Docket No.: 091451.00173  
Customer No.: 33448

**AMENDMENT A**

Mail Stop Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicant hereby petitions for a three month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). The time to respond is thus extended to September 24, 2004. Applicant has included a check in the amount of \$950 as payment of the required fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a).

In response to the Office Action dated March 24, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.